border so that fencing work is carried out as per schedule. The entire work is targeted to be completed by March, 2006.

Issuance of I-Cards to Indian citizens

†4257. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Bhartiya hokar bhi Bharat ke nahin yahan base log", appeared in the media;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter;

(c) the reasons for not issuing so far identity cards of Indian citizenship to the residents of 130 small plots of land close to Indo-Bangla Border; and

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are 111 Enclaves belonging to India in Bangladesh and 51 Enclaves belonging to Bangladesh in India. Under the Land Boundary Agreement of 1974, India and Bangladesh are to exchange Enclaves in each others territory. The Government is holding discussions with the Government of Bangladesh with regard to modalities involved in undertaking such an exchange.

(c) and (d) At present, only a Pilot Project on the issue of Multipurpose National Identity Cards (MNIC) is being undertaken by the Government in a few selected sub-districts of various districts of 13 States and Union Territories.

Infiltration of terrorists in J&K

4258. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government are taking to tackle the inflow of terrorists from across the border; and

(b) what are Government's plans to change the general perception of Kashmir not being safe for either investment or travel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) In addition to diplomatic initiatives

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